

KENTUCKY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD NOTES

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SEEK PHASE I ADEQUACY STUDY RELEASED

At the April Kentucky Board of Education meeting, Dr. Allan Odden and Dr. Larry Picus presented the findings of the SEEK Phase I Adequacy Study titled “A State-of-the-Art Approach to School Finance Adequacy in Kentucky.” This is the first part of a two-phased study on what adequate revenue in Kentucky is. Phase II, the “Professional Consensus or Judgment Approach,” is currently underway and is scheduled for completion by the end of April for presentation to the Board and legislature in June.

The major findings of the Phase I, state-of-the-art approach relative to school finance adequacy in Kentucky would:

- Require an additional \$740 million, \$175 million to expand preschool services, and \$565 million for K-12 programs, or an increase in spending of \$873 per pupil.
- Increase resources for elementary schools, mainly to decrease student-teacher ratios to 15:1 for kindergarten through grade 3 and for full-day kindergarten.
- Increase expenditures for professional development, to a level that research shows is required to change classroom instructional practice in ways that boost student academic achievement.
- Increase support for technology to replace, upgrade and maintain computer technologies now in the schools, and lower the student ratio to 1:3.

The Kentucky Board of Education will consider these findings, as well as the ones that will come out of Phase II, as it makes future budget recommendations to the General Assembly.

For more information on the Phase I or Phase II studies, contact Kyna Koch at (502) 564-3930 or via email at kkoch@kde.state.ky.us.

BOARD APPROVES NO CHILD LEFT BEHIND ACT GOALS AND RELATED ISSUES

As required by the *No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB)*, the Kentucky Board of Education adopted the five goals from the Act at its April meeting. Those goals are as follows:

1. **Goal 1:** By 2013-2014, all students will reach high standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading/language arts and mathematics.
2. **Goal 2:** All limited English proficient students will become proficient in English and reach high academic standards, at a minimum attaining proficiency or better in reading/language arts and mathematics.
3. **Goal 3:** By 2005-2006, all students will be taught by highly qualified teachers.
4. **Goal 4:** All students will be educated in learning environments that are safe, drug free, and conducive to learning.
5. **Goal 5:** All students will graduate from high school.

Additionally, the Board approved Department staff's recommendations to set up a process for establishing Kentucky-specific performance indicators for Goals 1 and 2, accept the federal performance indicators for Goals 3, 4 and 5 and set up a process to establish baselines for all performance indicators. Confirmation of the adoption of the five goals and how Kentucky will address performance indicators and baselines must be submitted to the United States Department of Education by May 1, 2003.

Other related decisions on NCLB issues that were approved by the Board in April included:

- Submitting interim baseline data on English language proficiency in September 2003 using the recent data from the Language Assessment Scales (LAS) and IDEA Language Proficiency Test (IPT);
- Submitting a timeline, current status and plan of action for development of English language proficiency standards in May 2003;
- Providing non-regulatory guidance to districts on the definition of "high quality" professional development; and,
- Establishing a graduation rate state goal of 100% for the state and for each disaggregated student group by 2014, and a corresponding dropout goal of 0% by 2014.

Department staff were asked to do further work on proposed definitions for "Persistently Dangerous School" and "Victim of a Violent Crime" and bring these back to the June Board meeting.

For more information on these NCLB issues, contact Scott Trimble at (502) 564-2256 or via email at sttrimble@kde.state.ky.us, or Johnnie Grissom at (502) 564-4970 or via email at jgrissom@kde.state.ky.us.

OTHER ITEMS APPROVED BY THE BOARD IN APRIL WERE:

- Minutes including technical revisions from the February 5-6, 2003, regular meeting and January 13, 2003, special meeting
- Agreed Settlement for Jackson City School's accountability performance judgment
- Referral of district SBDM matter to a hearing officer
- Suggested language changes from the National Technical Advisory Panel on Assessment and Accountability for indicator 3.2 of Kentucky's Consolidated State Application Accountability Workbook
- Preschool Funding, 2003-2004 Rates
- 2002 Report, 2002 Exceptions and 2003 Plan as required by 702 KAR 1:115, Annual in-service training of district board members
- 704 KAR 7:050, Student Discipline Guidelines (Intent)
- District facility plans: Anderson, Clark, Knox, Morgan, Oldham, Pulaski and Taylor Counties and Silver Grove Independent
- District facility plan amendments: Russell County
- 2002-2003 Local district tax rates levied
- Monroe County Board of Education's request for a day of mourning
- KDE Internal Audit Reports on "Review of Expense Documentation – FY 2002" and "Review of Regional Service Center Operations FY 2002"
- Attendance of NASBE New Board Members' Training by Janice Allen
- Frankfort as October Board meeting site
- Letter to be drafted from Chair Mountjoy to Covington Independent Superintendent and Board Chair recommending formation of a school council by July 1 for new school that will result from combining Holmes Junior High and Holmes Senior High

OTHER ITEMS REVIEWED BY THE BOARD WITH NO ACTION TAKEN WERE:

- KDE Employment Report
- Presentation on Partnership for Kentucky Schools initiative
- 2003 elementary and secondary education legislation and budget
- Implementation of KETS in Kentucky Schools
- Briefing on SEEK formula
- Covington Independent Update
- KHSAA Title IX update

KBE MEETING DATES FOR 2003

<u>2003</u>	<u>Type of Meeting</u>	<u>Location</u>
May 14-15	KBE retreat and preliminary budget discussion	Frankfort
June 4-5	Regular meeting	Frankfort
August 6-7	Regular meeting and commissioner's evaluation	Frankfort
October 8-9	Regular meeting	Frankfort
December 3-4	Regular meeting	Frankfort

For more information on the schedule contact Mary Ann Miller at 502-564-3141 (email mmiller@kde.state.ky.us) or Susan Palmer at 502-564-3141 (email spalmer@kde.state.ky.us).

The actions described above were taken in open session of the Kentucky Board of Education at the April 2-3, 2003, regular meeting conducted in the State Board Room, Capital Plaza Tower, 1st Floor, Frankfort, Kentucky. This information is provided in summary form, and an official record of the meeting is available on tape in the permanent records of the Kentucky Board of Education, First Floor, Capital Plaza Tower, Frankfort, Kentucky 40601. These records are open for inspection Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

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